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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/049,438	NAKAJIMA ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
	Rip A. Lee	1713

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on November 14, 2005.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1,4-7,9,10,14-16,19-21,30,31,33 and 35-41 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1, 4-7, 9, 10, 14-16, 19-21, 30, 31, 33, 35-41 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

This office action follows Applicant's response filed on November 14, 2005. Claims 1, 4-7, 9, 10, 14-16, 19-21, 30, 31, 33, and 35-41 remain pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
2. Claims 1, 4-6, 9, 10, 19, 30, 31, and 37-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jackson *et al.* (U.S. 3,847,873) for the reasons set forth in previous office actions.
3. Claims 7, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 33, 35, and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jackson *et al.* in view of Aoyama *et al.* (CA 2,253,515) for the same reasons set forth previously.
4. Claims 1, 4-7, 9, 10, 14-16, 19-21, and 30, 31, 33, 35, 36, and 38-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ridland *et al.* (WO 99/28033) for the same reasons set forth in previous office actions.
5. Claims 7, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 33, 35, and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ridland *et al.* in view of Aoyama *et al.* for the same reasons set forth previously.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments filed November 14, 2005 have been considered fully, but they are not persuasive. Applicant's previous comments have been repeated in the current response. Applicants have not provided cogent reasons to support a case of non-obviousness. Therefore, in light of this deficiency, the rejections of record have not been withdrawn.
7. The rejection of claims 1-6, 8-11, 17, 19, 24-26, and 31-33 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bayer *et al.* (U.S. 3,574,174), set forth in the office action of March 10, 2004, is currently withdrawn. The patent teaches use of organoaluminum compounds, however, the instant claims have been amended to exclude such species. Therefore, the patent does not teach or suggest the subject matter of the instant claims.
8. The provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejections set forth in the previous office action remain in force. Applicants have indicated that terminal disclaimers would be submitted when allowable claims are found
9. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rip A. Lee whose telephone number is (571)272-1104. The examiner can be reached on Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wu, can be reached at (571)272-1114. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571)273-8300.

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